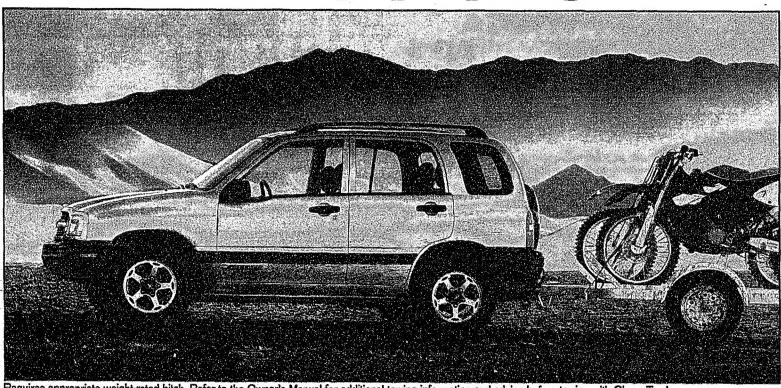


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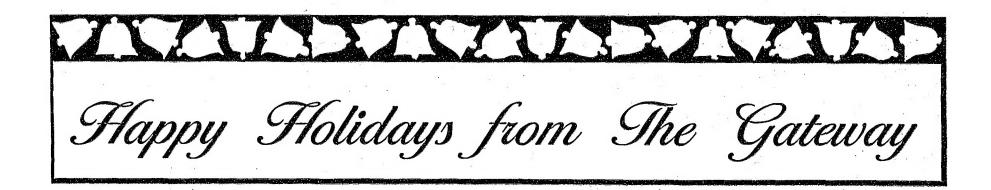
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Last Student Senate Meeting Prompts Investigation Of APC

Jonathon Shradar

Staff Writer

The final Student Senate meeting of the year started an investigation into the Athletic Programming Committee, a division of Student Government.

The committee was created by former student president/regent Jason Winterboer to encourage UNO students to attend athletic events. APC has gone under two restructuring changes and student senators said they believe it's time to revisit the current structure and importance of the group.

Junior class Sen. Shay Riggs formally requested an investigation into the committee's performance at Thursday's meeting.

"I think the allocation of the money is a concern, stability of the committee is a concern, and there has been some leadership difficulties," Riggs said.

Riggs is not alone in her concern for the APC. Joel Richter, senior class senator, said the committee should be dissolved.

"I perceive (APC) as a waste of money," Richter said

APC receives a base budget from the athletic department through a deal passed three years ago. Beyond the \$3,000 from the athletic department, Student Government allocates money from funds received through student

fees to increase the committee budget.

"I think we've spent a lot of time on a committee that has not succeeded in serving students," said Brandon Steenson, interim student president/regent. "The true goal of APC is to foster student involvement in athletics, and it has not done that."

Steenson didn't lay blame for the leadership difficulties the committee has had.

"Even previous APC leaders have not worked well with the athletic department and if we work against athletics we are not working in the best interest of students," Steenson said.

The Student Senate voted unanimously to have the rules committee, led by Speaker Scott Thomas, investigate and research a new approach for APC.

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Current APC Chairperson Karla
Schorle will end her duties later this
month. Schorle declined comment.

Speaking on behalf of APC, Legislative and Public Relations Director Pete Wetzel said the investigation will be a great opportunity to show what the committee has really done.

"The senate will see firsthand the progress and successes of the last year," Wetzel said. "APC is confident in their actions and performance."

In other business, Student Senate commended the Director of the Student

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"Millennium Lights" To Illuminate Downtown Omaha New Year's Eve

Christine Hollister
Staff Writer

At 6:15 p.m. on New Year's Eve, over one million holiday lights will illuminate downtown Omaha and the faces of its children and families.

"The millennium lights are a gift to the city," said Barb Fitzgerald, who cochairs the event along with her husband Bill, chairman and C.E.O. of Commercial Federal Bank.

The Fitzgeralds were appointed chairpersons of the event by Omaha Mayor Hal Daub.

"We believe that children are the light of the future," Fitzgerald said. "The celebration is something that parents can do

with their children on New Year's Eve."

The main portion of the lighting display will be on the Gene Leahy Mall from 10th to 14th Streets. between Douglas and Farnam Streets. The lighting display will include over 700 trees lit with white lights, holiday designs Mall's adorning the entrance arch on 14th street, special lighting displays on the pedestrian bridge and island, a lavishly decorated 30-foot tree on the island, and lighted decorative balls streaming down the Mall's embankments into the lagoon.

Vic Gutman and Associates Public Relations firm were hired to develop the plan for "Millennium Lights.'

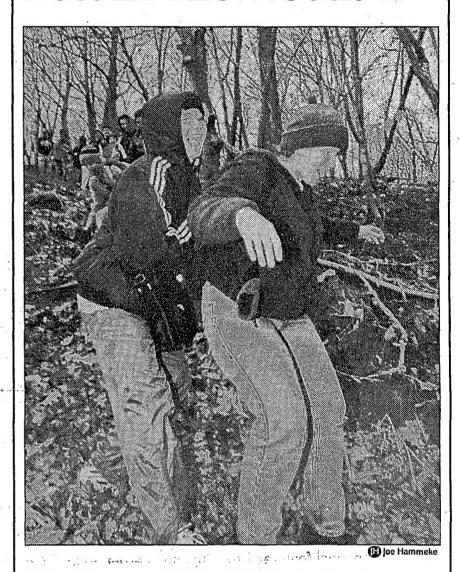
"We wanted to put an emphasis on children, and to leave a legacy for the future," Gutman said. "School children from 15 different schools donated \$200 toward the effort. Each school will sponsor one tree and will have its own ribbon around their tree."

A student representative from each school in the "Adopt a Tree" program will be asked to assist Daub in turning on the lights during the dedication ceremo-

A time capsule will be buried by Daub in a pillar of the Omaha Public Library, and suggestions for what should be included

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Lost In The Woods ...



No it's not the sequel to "The Blair Witch Project," it's UNO students on a trip to Hummel Park. Melissa Keating and Jamie Case enjoy a hike as part of a geography course offered by Dr. Jeff Peake. The course, Intro to Earth and Environmental Science, offers a field trip which gives the students the opportunity to apply the knowledge learned in the classroom outdoors.

Number Of ACT Scores Sent To UNO On The Rise

Ryan Norris

Staff Writer

According to the latest ACT report, the number of students who choose to send their scores to UNO is on the rise.

High school students taking the ACT can choose up to six schools to send their results to. Usually the students send the scores to the schools they plan on applying to.

The total number of ACT reports requested to be sent to UNO during the month of October has increased during the past six years. The number has distended from 1,407 in 1994-95 to 2,711 in 1999-2000.

Assistant Vice-Chancellor for

Student Enrollment Services at UNO, Wade Robinson, said this represents a 93 percent increase.

The interest level of students from the state of Nebraska in UNO continues to increase, Robinson said.

"This is great news and shows that the recruitment efforts of everyone on campus are paying off," he said. "Faculty involvement in the recruitment process is key."

We want students and parents to tour UNO, meet our faculty and staff, and see everything we have to offer, Robinson said.

"I would like to thank the entire campus community for their current and future assistance in recruiting outstanding students to UNO."

Ramadan Demands Self-Control

Zahra Cheema

Staff Writer

December is not only the last month of the millennium, but it is also the holymonth this year for a variety of religions. For the Hindus, there was Diwali (a religious festival), for the Jews there will be Hanukkah, for the Christians there will be Christmas and for the Muslims, this month begins Ramadan.

Ramadan is commonly known as the month of fasting. It is the name of the ninth month on the lunar calendar which Muslims follow. Throughout this month, Muslims must practice self-control while abstaining from a variety of things.

"It is during this month that all Muslims who have reached the age of puberty (13 or 14 years old), and are in good physical and mental health, are obliged to abstain from eating, drinking (including water), smoking and having sexual relations from dawn to dusk during the whole month," said A. Raheem Yaseer, a religious authority in the Islamic community, and the coordinator

of International Exchange Programs at the office of International Studies and Programs at UNO.

Yaseer said Muslims get up before dawn each morning and eat to sustain themselves for the entire day. This is the only meal which is eaten all day, and for the rest of the day nothing can enter into the mouth, not even gum. After the sun goes down in the evening, everyone breaks their fasts with a light snack, and they eat dinner after praying Maghreb, the evening prayer.

Fasting is one of the commandments which all able Muslims are obligated to and must follow.

Yaseer said there are many benefits to fasting.

"Fasting gives a feeling of sympathy towards those who usually do not have enough to eat or drink. It teaches self-discipline by having some control over material desires or items, such as food and water. It also creates an atmosphere of unity with all Muslims because Muslims all over the world participate in Ramadan;

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Christmas Memories Bring Feeling of Warmth

Aliza Anvari

Staff Writer

"It's the most wonderful time of the year...." or so goes that famous Christmas jingle that you may already be hearing at department stores and radio stations across America. Christmas time is a special time, not only from a social and economic standpoint, but from a spiritual and biological one as well. There is a sort of magic in the air. Our senses are working overtime ciphering the Christmas signals.

There is the smell of pine, burning wood and scented candles in the air. There is the sound of bells ringing, carolers singing and children screaming in toy stores. There is the taste of minty candy canes, sweet fruitcake and milky eggnog. There is the warmth of a fireplace and the cool of snowflakes landing on your eyelashes. There is the sight of red, white and green hues illuminated by hundreds of tiny lights.

Every December, like clockwork, we change our surroundings and celebrate in the festivities. Every December, we acquire more memories that we can cherish for a lifetime. Practically everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, can recall a happy memory from this season. Students and staff on campus did not have to dig too deep in order to recollect some of their favorite memories.

Some childhood reflections came from UNO Economics Professor Glenn Carlson.

"I remember going to my grandma's for Christmas Eve and waking up Christmas morning excited to open all the gifts 'Santa Claus'left under the tree. Then I spent Christmas Day with

all my relatives there."

Another memory came from engineering graduate student Michelle Hemsing, who is currently taking business courses at UNO.

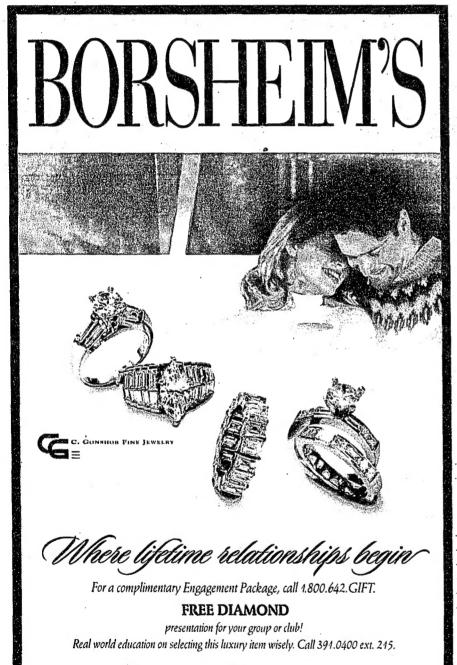
"Some of the things I remember are those goofy cartoon shows with those little clay figures running around," she said. "You just have to keep watching them until the end because all the sad things that happen to Rudolph just make you want to cry. I remember being at my grandma's overly hot house with the blue carpet, lovely little tree decorations and all my cousins running around the stairs and acting crazy. I remember getting my gifts and tearing them open." Michelle also mentioned that one year her mom got so sick of her tree being up way past Christmas that she threw it out the

Christine Michaelson shared mixed emotions on her Christmas memories.

"One year my mom was on a real tight budget, so she couldn't afford to buy all the things my brothers and sisters wanted on our lists," she said. "Instead, she allowed us each one wish. I remember with love and respect how hard she worked to grant us our wishes. Another year, Christmas was really bad because our living room caught on fire and many things burned."

Many people view Christmas as a very stressful time because of all the people they feel obligated to buy presents for. It can be hard buying gifts for people when you do not know what they want or, they want something hard to get like Pokeman toys. (Remember how bad the Cabbage Patch Doll fad was years ago). Also, the crowds at shopping malls and traf-

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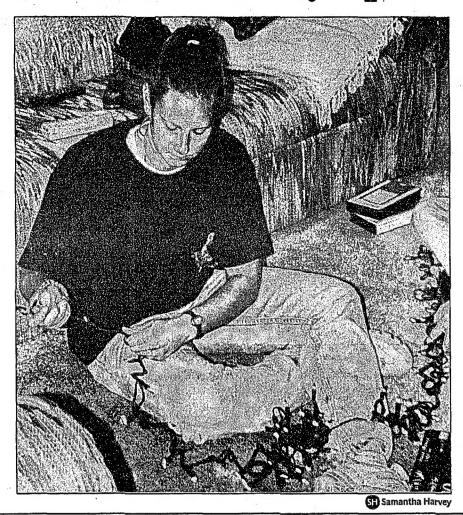
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Let's Use 'The Strip'

Editorial by Eric Bohn

Staff Writer

Now here's what I want you to do: Take a hand off your personal copy of the Gateway. Shove that paw into your pocket, or your purse, or your backpack or wherever you keep your UNOmaha student ID card. I want you to remove that precious piece of plastic and take a long, careful look at it.

After you've finished admiring the charming photo on the front, flip the card over. See that? Just below the bar code? (If you don't have a barcode, visit that building with all the books. It's called a library.) There's a black band on the back of your card, isn't there? Do you know what it's for?

Hiding in that strip are 1,002,000 little magnetic men, waiting to serve you. What have they done for you so far? Absolutely nothing.

Every one of our student ID cards comes with this built-in magnetic feature, let's call it The Strip, but it serves no purpose. And that's a shame. Or is it only an aesthetic feature, slapped on as an afterthought?

I'm jumping ahead of myself here, but a nightmare vision just came to me. The technological elite at south campus (Peter Kiewit Institute) are thumbing their noses at the north campus Luddites. Do we really want this sort of rivalry at **UNOmaha?**

Something about the untapped potential in this card spooks me. Why don't we put our heads together and find 2,000 campus-wide uses for The Strip? And if students are involved in solutions, we can prove to our generous local benefactors they have wisely invested in UNOmaha.

What sort of information could be stored in The Strip? Aha, student accounts! A quick swipe of the card could replace typing in a student ID number on each visit to the Registrar, Financial Aid, or Cashiering. As an attractive side effect, cases of carpal tunnel would plummet.

Ever waited in a half-hour line at the bookstore or the cafeteria, only to realize you're out of cash? Not any more.

Students could make deposits, say \$20.00 at a time, into their account and use The Strip, like a debit card, for purchases anywhere in Milo Bail Student Center. Give this cash substitute a name like "Maverick Money" or "Mad Cow Cash."

While we're installing card validation systems, why not put them in all class buildings? Instead of calling for Campus Security assistance, authorized students could enter a building after-hours with a simple swipe.

Okay, UNOmaha hasn't seen violent crime since 1997. But that doesn't mean it won't happen again. If campus buildings 'open to the public' after 5 p.m. were only accessible to card-carrying students and faculty/staff, I think we'd all feel a little safer.

Oh, wait. This one really tickles me. Take another look at your card. There should be a sticker on the front, next to your likeness. This little scrap is what allows us to enter HPER and check out equipment. Why not use The Strip?

Every semester a new sticker is printed for each student. Every semester an estimated \$2,000 in postage is paid to send this sticker, wrapped in a wasteful abundance of paper, to students who may or may not use the facilities. Every semester we have to carry another piece of paper (i.e. class schedule) as proof of enrollment until the silly sticker arrives in the mail. What gives?

With a campus-wide validation system, every enrolled student could have The Strip temporarily activated on the first day of classes. At fee payment, The Strip could be re-activated for the entire semester, or allowed to expire if fees are

Finally, don't expect me to ignore the notorious campus parking situation. While we're at the business of putting up fences on campus, why not fence in all parking lots? The Strip would allow entry into only a specified parking area.

Campus Security could collect big dollars for the prime locations like the garage and lots near the campanile. Scale down the price for locations requiring a longer hike to class. And heck, why not charge ten cents of 'Maverick Money' to help underwrite each round-trip shuttle ride from Aksarben?

To help create more parking for students working off-campus, require fulltime faculty and staff to carpool or use the Aksarben lots. And first-year University Village residents — don't let them have cars at all!

The year 2000 is fast approaching, kids. UNOmaha has the splendid new PKI, but the rest of campus is still wallowing in reams of paper and wasted time. Let's do something with our wonderful magnetic friends in The Strip.

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It's All About The Research

Editorial by Candace Horton

Staff Writer

The world usually buzzes by me at a hundred miles an hour. It slowed down slightly on Sunday as I read the paper. I read the story about UNMC using fetal cells in their Alzheimer's research. At first, I said, "They are using fetal cells. So, what?" I didn't think it was that big of a deal. I also was very excited to hear that kind of research was available at our university

Before I go further, I should probably explain where my views are coming from. First of all, I am a science education major. I have learned that, throughout the years, people have made great personal and physical sacrifices in order to make the lives of countless others better. Why else would people donate their bodies to science research?

Second, I am a woman and have dealt with the issues regarding my personal reproductive health. I am pro-choice, because abortion is not a decision that I CHOOSE to make for myself. I don't want to make that decision for other women, and I don't want them making that decision for me.

With that said, I must also say that UNMC is only doing what it thinks will benefit people in the long run. The research will help more than a few people. Sure, the first to benefit will be the people afflicted with the disease. If you have ever known someone with a long-term illness, then you know that the affected people are not the only one effected by the disease. The treatments that can be obtained will also help the families of the person. They will no longer have to sit by and watch their loved one die.

While reading the article in the World-Herald, I learned that the fetuses are obtained through all legal channels from the clinic. That means that they are not holding guns to women's heads in order to obtain

fetal cells. Nor are they calling for women to get pregnant just to have abortions. They are simply taking a form of medical waste and using it for something positive.

Sure, the practice seems barbaric and horrible to many people now. At one time in medical history, it was considered barbaric to do an autopsy or even use electric impulses for nerve stimulation. We know now that these once barbaric practices are necessary for treatment of some diseases and we also accept them into mainstream society. Just because something is new and scary does not necessarily make it evil or bad.

I think that people feel uncomfortable with this issue because of the way the cells are obtained. I think that if the researchers could obtain the cells in another way, they would. However, the technology available to us at this time does not allow another

way to retrieve them.

This takes me back to the abortion issue. Women who choose to have abortions go down a long and difficult road before choosing to terminate a pregnancy. The reasons why they want an abortion could be simple or complicated, but they are their reasons. They are the ones who make the decision to have the procedure done. No one can force them or coerce them into that decision. they generally make it alone.

Following an abortion, a woman goes through many emotional ups and downs, much like a person going through the grieving process. It may be a comfort to a woman at that time to know that the result of her actions helped someone else.

With that said, I must say that I support the research that the university is trying to do. I believe that the research will benefit many.. If we choose not to support the research because of where the cells come from, what will be next? Will we stop doing research and revert to herbal remedies for diseases? I hope not.

Letters To The Editor





Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Nathan Moseley's article "Northwest Passage: UNMC Drawn into Controversy.'

First of all, abortion and tissue research are entirely two different issues, which you and other people on the Pro Life side misconstrued into each other. UNMC should not have been dragged into the abortion conflict at all. Your opinion or my opinion on abortion does not matter when we talk about the issue at hand, and that is tissue research.

Think of where the medical community would be today if they couldn't do tissue research on the dead. Operations wouldn't be near as successful. organ donation wouldn't exist, even blood transfusion's success rate would be tremendously low. Think of the millions of lives saved all around the world, young and old, and even fetuses because of tissue research.

When they first started tissue research on the dead the same questions came up as they do today on fetal tissue research. Did this research increase the murder rate? Did it affect the care doctors give their patients? Would stopping the research decrease the murder rate, and increase patient care? Would stopping the research bring those dead people back? The answer to these questions is obviously NO.

Neither would stopping fetal tissue research affect the number of abortions. Keeping it as it should be wouldn't either. Nor would it bring the aborted fetuses back. Yet the lives they could benefit could suffer once the

research is stopped.

I also wonder about another thing Mr. Moseley had said about this being immoral. Does organ donation and other tissue research become more immoral the younger the deceased person giving the organ is? Then why is this research immoral? And as for research on the living, that doesn't happen without the person's permission or their knowledge? If a living person decides to be researched it's their business, for it's their body after all.

> Sincerely, Tony Garcia Dramatic Arts Major

Holiday Season Holds Different Meanings For International Students

Laura Sanchez

Staff Writer

As the end of the semester approaches, students at UNO are anticipating the holidays with joy. For international students, the holiday experience can be a little different.

While some will stay in Omaha, others will go back to their homelands until the spring semester starts.

Because of the diversity of nationalities that UNO caters to, not all the international students celebrate Christmas, but the ones who do explained their different traditions.

He said, "On the 24th of December we eat home-made food with one side of the family, and on the 25th with the other side. Usually we go to farms, "ILUNO student Juan Carlos Velez said.

They also celebrate New Year's Eve even though there's a lot of superstition that night. The families dance, eat pig or chicken and drink until five minutes before midnight which is when they play a song call "five until twelve." Once the new year arrives everybody hugs.

Fernando Velasco, a senior from Peru, said, "On Christmas Eve the families that have money eat turkey, and the impoverished eat chicken."

In his country people go to mass at 11 p.m., it's called la misa del gallo (the hen's mass). And on Christmas day the kids open their presents. After that, some families have lunch together.

On New Year's Eve the families in Peru have a light dinner together and after that they go to parties to celebrate the new year. Fernando said that on the same night, "people eat raisins for each toll of the midnight bell, after that they hug, make cheers and ask for a wish. It is also traditional to go around the corner with a suitcase because that brings well-being and prosperity."

He also said people drink a lot during the holiday celebrations.

Margot Mendez, a senior from Venezuela, explained how they celebrate the holidays in her country.

"On December 24th the families eat together a typical dish called hallacas, it's a kind of pie wrapped with banana skins. They complement this dish with pig, chicken salad, ham bread and a dessert made with cooked papaya," Mendez said.

Mendez also said that on Christmas day every place is closed, so the families join their lunch together. On New Year's Eve they have a dinner with the entire family, and at midnight they eat a grape for each strike of the midnight hour, then they cheer with champagne. In Venezuela people also celebrate the Night of the Kings on Jan. 5.

Because all these students are Christian, they celebrate Christmas similarly to American people. But some students who are part of other religions only see INTERNATIONAL, page 8 Happy Holidays
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- I C thin cream: half-and-half
- 1/2 C. white corn syrup
- 1/4 C. butter

Mix ingredients together except for Ω cup of the cream. Bring to full boil and add the remaining cream. Cook to soft ball stage. Add chopped walnuts and 1 tsp. vanilla if desired. Pour into buttered 8 x 8 baking dish.

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- 1 C. sugai
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- 3/4 C. chopped valuuts
- I pkg. Hershey's chocolate bars

Cook sugar, butter, coru syrup and water until a few drops tested in cold water cracks. While syrup cooks, chop nuts fine and sprinkle 1/2 cup on bottom of 8 x 8 pan. Pour hot syrup over nuts. Place pieces of chocolate bar on top of hot syrup and sprinkle with remaining nuts. Break into pieces when cool.

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celebrate New Year's Eve.

Zhuo Zhnag, a Chinese student in ILUNO, said families in China "sit together and eat with all the members of the family, then we watch TV because there's a special program, like a big party with a lot of singers and jokes. At midnight a big bell rings twelve times and some cities have lights made of ice."

Junior Mayu Kobatake and freshman Yoshi Kikui, both from Japan, said in their country, "Most people are Shinto, so we don't celebrate Christmas, but nowadays we acknowledge this event because we like to party."

For them New Year's Eve and the following days, until January 3, are very important. They said on December 31st they eat soba (like a noodle) made from buckwheat. Kobatake also said that during the holidays, her parents give her some money.

It is interesting to know that the different cultures have their own traditions and different ways to celebrate the holidays. That's why some of the international students are really anxious to get home and spend these days with their families.

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Cookies and Candy Big Business For Holidays

Christine Hollister

Staff Writer

One-thousand dozen cookies baked each day during the holiday season. That equals out to 12,000 cookies that Eileen's Colossal Cookies in Harvey Oaks Plaza bakes for businesses and individuals each day, up from the 400 dozen, or 4,800 cookies baked on an average day during the rest of the year.

"We love Christmastime," said Pat Holt, a co-owner of the Harvey Oaks Eileen's. "We feel like everyone in Omaha is eating our cookies."

Holt said that over the holiday season, the Eileen's staff expands from 5 full-time employees to 18 full timers.

"We sell a phenomenal number of cookies this time of the year," she said. "Our best sellers are sugar and frosted sugar cookies. We also sell a lot of the Christmas trays with 12 assorted kinds of cookies."

Winnie Grehe, of Regency Gift and holiday recipes Gourmet, said that Christmas is definitely their busiest time of the year for grandmothers.

candy sales, but even more so this year with the upcoming millennium celebrations.

"For the millennium, we are featuring a 12-pound box of Godiva chocolate," Grehe said. "Some of our usual best sellers around the holidays are the 2, 3 or 4 pound boxes of Godiva chocolate. Many people buy those boxes for their offices where lots of people can share it. Godiva is like the Mercedes of chocolate. If you get a box of Godiva chocolate for someone, people feel like they are very special."

If you don't have the time and energy to do your own holiday baking, there are many stores around Omaha that feature Christmas specials on cookies and candy. But if you do happen to have an extra hour or two on your hands, or if you're the adventurous type who feels like trying to do a little of your own holiday baking this year, here are a few of my own favorite holiday recipes taken from the two best bakers in the world, a certain reporters grandmothers.

AMC Theatre To Host "Galaxy Quest" Sci-Fi Convention

Christine Hollister

Staff Writer

Science fiction fans and movie buffs alike will get a real theater thrill at the Galaxy Quest Science Fiction Convention held at the AMC 24 theaters Thursday from 5-9 p.m.

The AMC Science Fiction convention is being held in conjunction with the opening of the movie "Galaxy Quest" from Dream Works pictures, which opens Christmas day. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the convention will go to benefit the LIED Transplant Center.

"Galaxy Quest' is a spoof on science fiction movies. It centers around a group

of aliens who kidnap fans at a science fiction convention," said Dan Lundquist, AMC 24 marketing manager. "This is where we got the idea for the Galaxy Quest Convention."

Candy Clark was nominated for an Academy Award for her role in "American Graffiti," and has also starred in "Blue Thunder" and the remake of "The Blob." Also appearing will be Vernon Wells from the movies "Mad Max-Road Warrior," "Commando" and "Inner Space."

For the \$15 admission price, movie fans will not only get to meet the stars, they will be treated to complimentary

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Center, Guy Conway and Legislative and Public Relations Director Pete Wetzel. Conway was honored for the work he has done for the students of UNO, and will be leaving for a similar position in Florida at the end of the semester.

Wetzel, a senior from the college of Information Science and Technology, was thanked for his work on Student Government's online elections. UNO was the first school in Nebraska to successfully manage election completely online. Another heavily debated statement was passed Thursday.

With only one descending vote the senate encouraged the renaming of the student center's Omaha room to the proper name of the Native American tribe. "To further our campuses outreach to its Native American heritage we fully support the effort to rename the Omaha room to its ancestral name," said the statement written by Chief Administrative Officer of Student Government DeAnn Hanisch.

Freshman Sen. Early Bryant strongly supported the idea. "We're changing the school for the better, let's take a stand and make things happen," Bryant said.

The lone opposition to the statement came from education Sen. Robert Lopez. Lopez said he respects the culture and is proud to have it represented on the campus but his concern lays with the future.

"I don't think this renaming should be a stepping stone for more name changes on campus," Lopez said. The next public session of the Student Senate is

The next public session of a scheduled for Jan. 20.





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in the time capsule are being taken on the Millennium Lights web site.

Other highlights of the evening include a 2,000-member millennium choir singing the original song, "Ring in the Millennium," by Jackson Berkey of Mannheim Steamroller fame, and the region's largest millennium fireworks display launched by Sunset Fireworks/Harvey Productions.

Specially designed 3-D glasses will enhance the viewing of the holiday lights and fireworks, and are now being sold for \$2 a pair at the courtesy counters of Baker's and HyVee supermarkets and Commercial Federal Bank lobbies. Glasses can also be purchased downtown the night of the event.

The glasses superimpose a snowflake, "2000", or "Noel" design on any holiday lighting or fireworks display, and all of the proceeds from the sales of the glasses will be donated to the Omaha Community Foundation for disbursement to youth programs throughout the city.

Following the lighting program and fireworks display, students and families are encouraged to stay around downtown. The Omaha Children's Museum will be open late and the Rose Theatre will feature a production of "Busy Town." The Omaha Public Library will be displaying millennium artwork created by Omaha schoolchildren.

This year's lighting display will be illuminating downtown until Jan. 6, but in the future the lights will be lit up from Thanksgiving until New Year's Day.

"Millennium Lights" is produced by the Knights of Aksarben, the city of Omaha and Downtown Omaha, Incorporated. Media partners are WOWT Channel 6, Mitchell Broadcasting, The Reader and DiscoverOmaha.com. Sponsors include Commercial Federal Bank, ConAgra Inc., Douglas County, First National Bank, OPPD, the Peter Kiewit Foundation and the Oriental Trading Company.

The official web site of "Millennium Lights" is www.discoveromaha.com/lights. Up-to-date information on the celebration is available, and instructions on how to sign up for the millennium choir or volunteer for the event can also be found on the site.





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Toys On The "Hot" List Tickle Shoppers Fancy

Candace Horton

The scene is reminiscent of the movie "Jingle All the Way." Parents yell and scream at other parents to get out of the way. The shelves are cleared before anyone can get a chance to grab one. The lucky few get one, and in a frenzy, other parents try to take it away from them. It doesn't matter how much it costs or how many bruises the parents get in the process, there is always one toy children have to have during the holiday season. And parents will stop at nothing to get their hands on one.

"I remember one year when we went shopping the day after Thanksgiving. I remember that people were fighting over shopping carts and other stuff. They were fighting over bargains and limited items," sophomore Michelle Keller said.

In the past, there were Cabbage Patch Kids, Teddy Ruxpin dolls and even the Power Rangers Action Figures. However, one name says it all: Tickle Me Elmo.

The name conjures many images in people's minds: the panic that was caused as toy stores reported that they were out of them. Many parents dashed to other cities to find them for their toddlers. The parents searched the Internet frantically, and people were auctioning them off to the highest bidder. Some even went for \$1,000.

Tyco Preschool toys was "completely taken by surprise with Elmo," said Leslie Turner, advertising professor.

What makes people go crazy in the name of toys? The true answer may lie hidden in the psyche of us, the consumers.

Turner, who is doing research on the Elmo craze, said, "No parent wants to disappoint their child at Christmas. They are caught between reason and the most precious thing in the world."

In all cases, that most precious thing in will be popular. the world will win the war of reason.

Elmo was completely atypical in that it was not introduced via advertisement.

"They introduced him through the media and also got him into the hands of celebrities like Rosie O'Donnell and Bryant Gumble," Turner said. "Gumble pushed his tummy. Elmo giggled and responded, 'That tickles!' Gumble laughed and said that the doll was really cute. Rosie O'Donnell then raved about it on her show. Rosie herself had a toddler and her target audience was mothers of small preschool age children. The company couldn't have asked for a better endorsement. It just snowballed from there. They even had to pull the ads that were planned."

The media picked up on the craze and began to report on the doll. Not a night passed by that they did not report on Elmo's status. The media catapulted Elmo into the status of a mythical creature. It was sought by many, but found by few.

The 1997 Christmas season ended with more than a few disappointments. Elmo became another chapter of toy hysteria folklore.

Disappointed children only had to wait for the following Christmas for Furby. It was a creature that was interactive and cuddlier than a Tamagotchi (an electronic pet).

There was a similar situation with Furby, but the company was more prepared for the great demand of their toys,' Turner said. There were problems, but nothing like the great Elmo hunt of 1997.

This year it will be hard to tell what

Turner said, "Each year there will be something, and it's impossible to predict what will be big this year or the next."

This year's popular prediction is Pokemon and related items.

"Pokemon will completely depend on how much product is made and if they keep the supply lines open," Turner said. "Let's hope that they are not going to create a forced shortage.'

A forced shortage could drive up prices and create bidding wars as seen in the Elmo case.

For those of us who still love the cute little Elmo, never fear. Elmo is back in a new style this year. Rock 'n' Roll Elmo will be around to entertain for the holidays this year. As will Rock 'n' Roll Emie. They both sing some early rock 'n' roll hits, and they each strum a guitar.

Another set of toys that may be popular will be the toys from the movie "Toy Story 2." All the regular characters are back and a few new ones join them.

Furby is back too, but in new form with Furby babies. There are now accessories to go with Furby. One includes a device that will simulate sleep for the critter. Good news for parents, older siblings and roommates who didn't sleep last Christmas because of the new addition.

Who knows what this shopping season will bring? Perhaps Pokemon fever will go out with a whimper. It remains to be seen. Then again, scenes from "Jingle All the Way" may just begin to run in malls and toy stores across the country.







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PRE-MED SENIOR

Senior Takes On Many Roles, Works With Children

Christina Kadlec

Features Editor

While many students get overwhelmed by working and classes, senior exercise science/ pre-med major Cathy Craig has energy to spare.

Craig, who broke her own record in the triple jump last year, is in her fourth year of running track. Early in last year's track season, Craig injured her hamstring as she attempted a new event for her, pole vaulting. She was out of competition for two or three meets but came back to qualify for nationals with her jump of 38'10 3/4".

Craig said the best thing about qualifying for nationals was meeting athletes from places like Jamaica, Africa and New Zealand.

"I will have met some of the future Olympic athletes, because these (competitors) are the best of the best," she said.

In February, Craig will be involved with another track team as well. For her

second year, she will coach the long began teaching her, finally ventured out said. "I've gotten to see a lot of procejumpers at Grace Apostolic U.S.A. Track & Field. Last year Craig coached children, starting at age five, who participated in the Junior Olympics.

'It was neat because the Junior Olympics was in Omaha last year, you got to see

your little kids participate," she said.

Kids and sports seem to be a theme with Craig, who also taught swimming lessons to handicapped children at Montclair Community

"One of the kids had a disorder where he didn't have the wrinkles on

his brain," she said. "This kid was great. He could talk, he could move, he was very functional."

One girl, who would not swim without a floatation device when Craig into the water without one.

"It was so exciting. It was like, 'Oh, vou did it.' It was neat to see her do that," Craig said.

Craig first gained exposure to working

with disabled children when she shadowed a pediatrician, one of her three shadowing experiences.

"That was when I first started to appreciate the difficulties they go through," she said.
"These children have a personality. They're neat children regardless of whether they can actually speak to

you or not."

Craig's other shadowing experiences included time spend with a pediatric orthopedist and a pediatric cardiologist.

"I got to see a ton of surgeries," she

dures."

Ar long the medical procedures she's seen are the insertion of a heart catheter, an open heart surgery and a stress echo/treadmill test.

Right now Craig is getting her foot in the door of the medical world by working as a secretary in a local cardiology office. In the 2 1/2 years she's worked there, Craig said she's "learned how to be a good doctor."

She said with patients it's important to 'be at their level, not above them. I've also learned how to treat your staff.'

Craig said she's found that people cooperate more readily with someone who treats them well.

In what little spare time she has, this Fremont Bergan graduate likes to spend time with her nephews and niece, all under the age of 5.

This season is her fourth year on the UNO track team and she hopes it will be another record-setting year.

MEMORIES: Going Out With Family

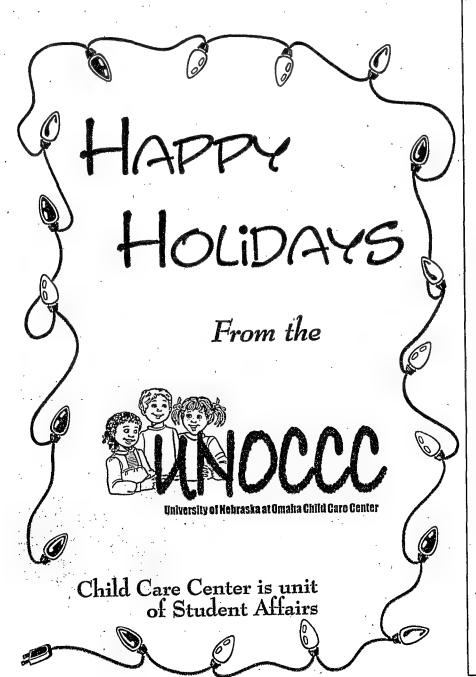
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fic on the roads can be disheartening.

However, usually the best memories of Christmas involve quality time with friends and family. Relish the simple things that make this season so great.

For example, watching a good Christmas movie like "Home Alone," "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "Gremlins," "A Christmas Story"or "While You Were Sleeping" surrounded by people you love can be the makings of a great Christmas.

Going to a play, such as "A Christmas Carol," reading a story, ice skating, sledding or just making Christmas cookies can truly capture the spirit of the season. It's a time to rejoice and laugh. Christmas is, after all, supposed to be merry.



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RAMADAN: Fasting Is 'A Fun Experience' For Those Who Celebrate The Holiday

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they fast at the same time and breat their fast at the same time as well. Most importantly it makes Muslims appreciate the gifts of Allah," Yaseer said.

At UNO there are many Muslim students who will be fasting during the school days.

Ghafar Azimi, a graduate student and the director of International Student Services, said fasting actually helps his school work.

"I've noticed that when I fast during this month, my performance level increases. I also get a lot of things done, because instead of going to lunch as I would do during other months, I do my work."

Azimi finds fasting fairly easy. "I get few hunger pains throughout the day, but they increase a little as it gets nearer to breaking the fast. I used to work as a waiter in a restaurant and the hardest part was smelling all the food."

Junior Maria Haq said she also looks forward to this

month.

"It's a fun experience and different from all the other months. You also get the opportunity to get together with the Muslim community more."

Sophomore Maryam Amini said fasting gives her extra strength.

"It helps give me self-control and strength. I feel that all the strength I get during Ramadan is from fasting."

Besides abstaining from food and drink, Maryam challenges her self-discipline.

"I don't watch TV or even listen to music for the entire month."

For UNO and other college students who are single, the Islamic Center of Omaha provides the food to break the fast with every day at the mosque, the Muslim place of worship.

"The food is provided by community families, and it is to help single men and women and students who due to their busy schedule during the days, are too busy to prepare food for themselves," Yaseer said.

He said that these services are not exclusively for single men and women.

Junior Shazeeb Khan takes advantage of this service.

"If I were in Pakistan with my family, I would break the fast at home, but being here I open it at the mosque with other students and friends."

Ramadan begins on the first day of the ninth lunar month which is

determined by the sighting of the new moon, and ends with the sighting of the new moon as well. This year Ramadan is predicted to begin either on Dec. 9 or 10 — it all depends on the moon.

After the month of Ramadan, there is a religious festive day celebrated with an abundance of thanks and food, but that is only after the month of fasting is completed.

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snacks courtesy of TGI Fridays, dessert from TCBY Treats and a special showing of the movie "Mad Max-Post Warrior"

"So many times people would like to attend science fiction events," Lundquist said. "There will only be more events like this in the future if people keep attending them."

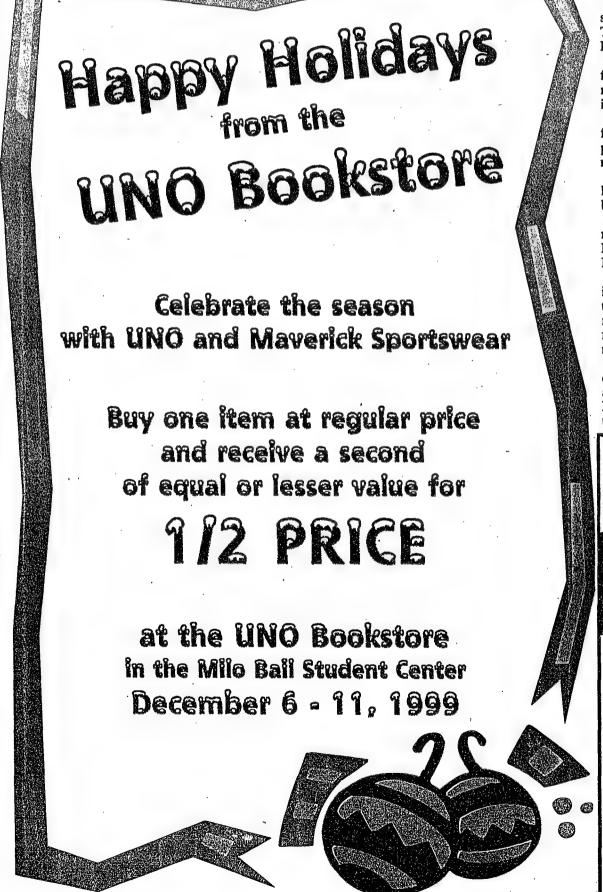
Science fiction fans may dress up as their favorite scifi characters, and at 7 p.m., they have the chance to compete in a costume contest. The winner will take home a new DVD player.

In addition to the other festivities, vendors will be on location to show off the latest in sci-fi collectibles, comic books and videos.

Convention-goers also have the opportunity to win raffle prizes including a trip for two to Space Camp, a Nintendo 64 game system or a theme room at a Settle Inn Hotel

Angie Herman, of Nebraska Health System marketing and public affairs, said, "AMC's involvement with the LIED Center has been extremely beneficial. The money they have raised has been put in a fund to be used for the pediatric patients at the LIED and for continued research efforts."

Tickets for the Galaxy Quest Convention can be purchased in advance at the AMC Oakview 24 Theatres, or at Suncoast Pictures in the Crossroads or Westroads Mall. Tickets are also available at AMC on the night of the event.





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All I Want For Christmas is ...

What lurks in the mind of Arts and Leisure staff writter Rae Licari? She lets you in to see what she, and possibly other college co-eds, want for Christmas.

CDs — I love music. I spend a lot of time with my CD collection. And I have a list of CDs I want to get about a mile long. At the top of this list are the new discs from Fiona Apple, Foo Fighters and Primus, as well as the Unplugged disk from Alanis Morissette, and the soundtracks to "Sleepy Hollow" (Danny Elfman is my hero) and "The World Is Not Enough" (for the groovy Garbage track) and the second volume of music from "Austin Powers-The Spy Who Shagged Me" (solely for the song by They Might Be Giants). Any of those would make great gifts for Christmas.

Al Snow Action Figure — You know, as they've all been pulled off the Wal-Mart shelves, they'll probably be a rare collector's item someday. Besides, I like Al. He's funny in that sad, demented kind of way. And don't give me any lip about my liking wrestling, or I'll beat your head in with a folding chair!

Urban Decay Cosmetics — My absolute favorite shade of lipstick is Bruise; I wear it constantly. A replacement tube or bottle of nail polish would be nice. Or, I like to try new colors, too — I like purple, green and blue the best. Sparkly is also good.

Rainbow Brite T-shirt — Maybe it's a side effect of high school graduation, but I'm feeling kind of nostalgic lately. I was obsessed with Rainbow Brite when I was little — I had everything. But I made a bad decision to give it all away, and I'm still kicking myself. However, I'm planning to recollect as much as possible, starting with some stuff I've seen at Hot Topic.

Stuffed Mr. Bigglesworth — Having a stuffed replica of the Dr. Evil's bald cat is the next best thing to being an evil maniac like Dr. Evil. I'm not really obsessed with Austin Powers; I just like the cat. I like cats, period.

Money — This one is a big DUH. What college student doesn't need money?

Money Is On Dorm Dwellers Christmas List

Column by Marilyn Kolar
Staff Writer

It's that magical time of year, Christmas! Giving, receiving and sending are what it is all about. Decorating and shopping becomes the seasonal hobby for everyone. What do you purchase from the crowded department stores? What seems to be on everyone's Christmas list? I live on campus at

the new University Village. Living here has put a few new Christmas wishes on my list as well as other residents.

Freshman Elly Prahl mentioned that her Christmas wish is for money. No explanation needed. It's a priority on all college students' lists.

Cecilia Deramus is the accountant for U.V. and has put timely paying of rent by residents on her

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Despite Different Names, Santa Remains The Same

Kate Montgomery

Staff Writer

With Christmas right around the corner, shoppers can barely enter a store without seeing red and white hats for sale, hearing "Santa Claus is coming to Town," or seeing images of the jolly old man everywhere they turn. Nearly everyone in America can say truthfully that Santa Claus is one of December's biggest symbols, but where did the personage of this gift-giving man come from?

The American Santa Claus of the 20th century is a conglomeration of history, folklore and ancient customs which started back before the rise of Christianity.

Most of the pagan tribes of Europe already had spirit associated with gifts. Rome had Befana, Germanic tribes had Berchta and Knecht Ruprecht, and Finland had

Joulupukki, a spirit who demanded gifts instead of distributing them.

For the early Christians, the Bishop of Myra became the major gift-giving individual. He was honored by Christians as Saint Nicholas. According to legend, Saint Nicholas would throw bags of gold into the windows of the poor people, but if the windows were closed, he would use the chimney.

As Christianity spread into the tribes of mainland Europe, Saint Nicholas became the perfect replacement to the old gods and spirits.

The Dutch called Saint Nicholas "Sinter Klaas," and they brought the traditions of his December gift-giving along with them to New Amsterdam in the new world. According to folklore, he would appear in the sky riding a black horse and wearing bishop's robes,

and occasionally he was accompanied by a spirit called Black Peter. It was Black Peter's duty to seek out the naughty children for punishment.

After Sinter Klaas became popularized among the United States, Clement Clark Moore wrote his famous poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholaus," or better know as "The Night Before Christmas." Through Moore's poem, Santa Claus was seen as a jolly, light-hearted spirit with rosy cheeks. Moore's Santa Claus was equipped with eight reindeer and was lacking Black Peter.

Thomas Nast, the famous illustrator for the magazine Harper's, drew Santa as a rotund, old man. Soon after, the Coca-Cola ads followed.

Those are the ingredients that made the American Santa Claus. A saint, a bunch of pagan spirits, the Dutch, a poet and soda pop.

'Ghetto Claus' Puts Funky Twist On Christmas Classics

Review by Christina Kadlec

Features Editor

Imagine the love child of Dolemite and Ebeneezer Scrooge. If you can, not only do you have a great imagination, but you also have a good idea of what the Millennium Theater's "How Ghetto Claus Funked Christmas" is all about.

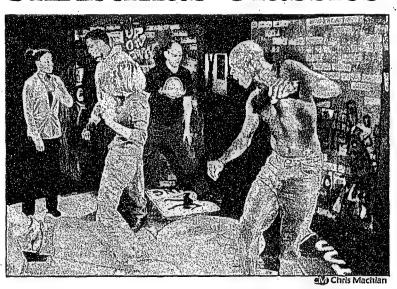
Set in Chocolate City, "the ghetto district of Honkyopolis," the play starts out with the raunchy musical number "Holiday Bondage" which includes the beauties of Bernie's Bush Barn: Miss Chica Da Silva (Jill Anderson), Miss Kuma Wong (Teri Fender) and Miss Misty Foxx (Kelcey Watson, in drag.)

Ghetto Claus (D. Kevin Williams) arrives on the scene to, as we find out later, retrieve the legendary "funk stone" from the Scrooge-like miser Darvon Tittleweather (Nils Haaland).

The racially-diverse cast was more than admirable, most of them taking on multiple roles, delivering a high-energy performance at their second show of the night.

The play is filled with all the components you expect to find in the Blaxploitation genre: funk music, a signature dance for the hero, a rhyming voice over, plentiful references to sex, a rich, "honky" villain, pimp-daddy clothing and a silhouetted dancer to mark the scene changes.

But "Ghetto Claus" goes fur-



Cast members of "Ghetto Claus" warm up before Friday's performance. Many of the performers take on multiple roles in this alternative, but heart-warming play.

ther than its Blaxploitation counterparts. In the midst of all the mayhem, there is time for a beautifully choreographed legend of how the "funk stone" was lost in the first place. Amber Ruffin, who played Miss LaDonna Washington, also delivered a delightful solo later in the play as she laments over her lost love.

Directors Jill Anderson and Tim Siragusa are to be commended for their use of the stage area. With minimal room to work with, the pair staged movement to create mental images. For instance, in the home of Darvon Tittleweather, the characters ran three times around a pole in the middle of the stage, indicating a

spiral staircase.

The blocking also made use of the entire set. Some lines were delivered from atop buildings, from backstage and from various points on the stage.

With references to sex and drugs and the use of, what some consider to be vulgar, language, you should probably leave the kids at home for this one.

But if you're looking for an alternative to the fuzzed-over, heart-warming plays that appear during the holiday season, this play's for you.

How does Ghetto Claus save the day? I can't tell you, folks, you've got to see this one for yourselves.

Compact Discs That Make Gift-Giving Easy

you do not know if that special someone will like a gift that you give them. Here are some CDs that make great stocking stuffers and will be sure to please almost anyone on your holiday gift list. Here are some of the picks that Gateway staff writers say even Santa will like.

The Paula Cole Band "Amen" (Warner Brothers)

This artist has a different name to accompany her new sound, and to give credit where credit is due: the band. The music on "Amen" has an airy, flowing rhythm that keeps you listening for more. The music, especially from the piano, is the highlight of this album, although nothing should be taken away from the power of Paula Cole's voice. Cole's music and the voice force you to listen. "Amen" also possess much bolder and personal lyrics than before. I was taken aback by the '70s feel of some of the lyrics and music. Some of the songs, for example the first track "I Believe in Love," sounded downright disco. Other songs, such as the sixth track, sounded almost jazz-like. All of the songs

Gift giving can be tough, especially if flowed though, a definite purpose to the music. Some of the songs tended to drown Paula Cole out, which made the music hard to listen to in parts. Overall though, a good one to have for fans of the first album. Its nice to see change, even from a good artist. - Melanie Wilson

Santana "Supernatural" (Arista)

This album is the album for anyone to have. So many different kinds of music are present that it would be hard to say that it fits a certain category. The variety on this album makes it easy to listen to for anyone. For fans of early Santana work, there are pure classic Latin tunes synonomous with Santana. If you happen to like Santana's rock tunes, such as "Black Magic Woman," there are tracks like "Smooth" and "Love of My Life." Then songs like "Put Your Lights On" and "Maria, Maria" could fit for other categories, like rap and R&B. The overall musical quality on this album catches your attention. With artists like Rob Thomas, Everlast and Lauryn Hill adding their vocal talent, "Supernatural" is the disc not to be missed. The standout tracks

are "Smooth" and "Love of My Life." Both of them are a throwback to classic Santana rock that grew his fan base. The music feeds on the emotion of the song, and gives it life. Then the lyrics tell the story. This is a hot one to have. - Melanie Wilson.

Eric Clapton "Clapton Chronicles-The Best of Eric Clapton' (Reprise)

Okay, now I'm sure Eric Clapton is really, really famous and respected and all that, but does the man honestly need yet another greatest hits collection? He's already got at least four by my count, for crying out loud. This collection includes such hits as "Change the World," "My Father's Eyes" and "Layla," among others, and his signature mellow guitar style is still present, but seriously consider whether you really need to purchase yet another pointless collection of songs available elsewhere. Good Gift For: that person on your list with an unhealthy Eric Clapton obsession. - Rae Licari

Bela Fleck and the Flecktones "Greatest Hits of the 20th Century"

(Warner Bros.)

It's not often that you find a band that incorporates a banjo into the lineup. These songs, compiled from six albums as well as two previously unreleased tracks, have a decidedly bluesy-country feel to them, an interesting and different sound altogether. But, this can take a while to get used to. Many people will not fully appreciate this kind of music. Bonus points for not releasing multiple greatest hits collections. Good Gift For: your banjo-pickin' cousin who lives in Alabama. - Rae Licari

Various Artists "Music From the Motion Picture 'Man on the Moon" (Warner Bros.)

About half of the tracks on this album is music from R.E.M., whether movie score or mellow, melodic songs like "The Great Beyond" and "Man on the Moon." The rest of the album consists of soundbites from the movie and songs performed by Andy Kaufman. This smooth pop is surprisingly soothing, too. Good Gift For: your older brother who idolized Andy Kaufman. - Rae Licari

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Holiday Gifts For The Inner Child

Danielle Mangano

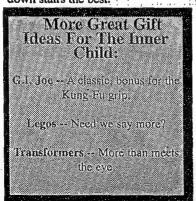
Staff Writer

Finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list can be a drag, but why not get the difficult people on your list something nostalgic that says "remember when" and bringsout the inner-child in all of us?

Almost everyone has a toy or game that they wanted for the holidays as a child and never got. Here is your chance to make that wish come true. One way to go about this is to simply ask the person if there was such an elusive toy when they were young, then hit the flea markets! I suggest going to flea markets and collectibles shops before you hit the Internet because it will most likely save you more money and be more fun. Who knows what goodies from your own past you may find while shopping?

Even if there isn't a specific gift that anyone on your list wants, you can give presents that will encourage the inner child to come out and play. The following are a few of my suggestions for inexpensive and fun holiday (or anytime), gifts that cater to the six-year-old in everyone.

world's most wonderful toy, how can you resist? Whether walking down the stairs or sliding across the kitchen floor, it's bound to make somebody smile. Make sure you get a real metal Slinky though, because they walk down stairs the best.



Barrel of Monkeys - I have always loved this game because it's fun and it's harder than it looks. It's a good boredom buster too.

Silly Putty — Who doesn't like Silly Putty? It's fun to make backwards copies of your favorite comic strips with or just to pull apart. Silly Putty is a good stress reliever and it comes in many colors and varieties,

Slinky — Come on! It's the including color-changing and glow in the dark.

> Etch-a-Sketch — These are so fun to play with. I took mine with me while waiting in line for "Star Wars: Episode One" tickets to keep the boredom away (too bad I couldn't play with it during the movie). Kudos to anyone who can write their name in cursive on their Etch-a-Sketch!

> Magic 8-Ball — What pre-teen girl didn't use this psychic toy to see if her crush liked her? When it said "not likely" you were pretty p.o.ed, weren't you? I do not recommend this toy if it will bring back bad memories of junior high love.

> Play-Doh — You'll get bonus points if you also buy the Fun Factory. There are many exciting accessories that you can buy to go with your Play-Doh, but even a can of plain old blue Play-Doh should be enough to make someone happy.

> Atari — Most video game stores still have these babies around. Pick up several classic games like Pacman, Asteroids, Pitfall or Donkey Kong to keep the inner child busy! The super life-like graphics are also a

Procrastinators Unite; We Can All Shop Later

Column by Rae Licari

Staff Writer

The holidays are upon us.

Along with the holiday season comes the infamous holiday shopping season. Chances are, unless you are one of those types who gets up at four in the morning the day after Thanksgiving to go gift shopping, you are putting it off until the last possible minute. Like me.

Shoppers who procrastinate tend to find themselves scurrying at the last minute to find a gift. This can pose a serious problem. I can near guarantee that you will not be the only one, and fighting through crowds of rabid shoppers takes years of skill and the instincts of a first-string offensive football player just to survive, much less find what you are looking for.

I myself am very experienced at last minute shopping, so I would like to offer some helpful hints for surviving the holiday season. All these gift ideas take minimal time and money, so they are perfect for people who are both busy and broke. If "busy and broke" accurately describes you or someone you know, read on.

Behold the power of candy canes. Don't underestimate the gift possibilities of edibles. Food makes a great all-purpose gift. You can make food if you have the time, or go buy something like a bag of Skittles. This is an easy and cheap option — a box of candy canes costs around 99 cents for a dozen canes, so that will work as gifts for twelve special people. Tie a sparkly ribbon around the food for that touch of holiday

Get creative. No time to go shopping for storebought gifts? If you are creatively inclined, make something. This generally does take a little more time than other options, but also often requires less money. Try making jewelry or decorated picture frames. Got a blank cassette tape? Make up a personalized musical mix tape. Just get in touch with your inner Hobby

Do a little bargain shopping. I find that places in the mall like Claire's that offer 12 pairs of earrings for five bucks can be beneficial to the strapped-for-cash lastminute shopper. True, sometimes it takes a few minutes to find something that isn't broken or missing the other half, but the end result is well worth the time spent. Don't discount the clearance racks.

If you get really hard-pressed for time and money,

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DWELLERS: Wants, Needs From UV Residents Varies

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Christmas list.

Freshman Chris Adams would like a bigger freezer for his dorm.

"We're college students, we ear frozen dinners," Adams said.

Even though snow is something that is a hassle to work with, Larry Woodson, the maintenance supervisor, wishes for a white Christmas.

College students seem to have an abundance of stuff these days. Freshman Aaron Self would really like a bigger room for all of his electronic devices.

Freshman Mary Bersheid chose to wish for an ice tray for her freezer. Some students were not sup- tor for U.V., would love to see even plied with a tray like many of the more lights and garland decorating other residents.

Brian Hendrickson, a senior community assistant, is wishing for groceries. Like many of the residents, sometimes it's hard to make it to the grocery store. I'm sure this is on all students' wish lists.

Freshman Ali Jones decided that not having gates around the village would make a great gift. Jones said the gates are a hassle to those who live at the village.

Many students have gotten into the Christmas spirit by decorating. Susan Moore, the managing direcU.V.

If everyone still mailed a letter to Santa, Christmas wish lists would change just a bit. There would be no more requests for Barbie Corvettes or G.I. Joe action figures written in red crayon addressed to the North Pole. Asking for necessities and more money is what many dorm residents are wishing for from Santa. No matter how strange your Christmas wish may be, I hope it shows up under the Christmas tree. on Dec. 25. Happy Holidays!

Local Radio Station Spreads Christmas Joy To Help Charity

Brandon Pappas

Arts & Leisure Editor

Omaha radio station Channel 97.7-FM wants its name in lights.

Channel's offering a new promotion to help raise money for Project Harmony. The station is asking the metro area to use Christmas lights to spell out "Channel 97.7" on houses. For each house that displays the station's name, Channel 97.7 will donate \$25 to Project Harmony.

Project Harmony is an organization set up by the Omaha police department and local shelters to help abused children.

Aside from helping Project Harmony, the station will award \$1000 to the person with the most unique

display of the station's name. In order to qualify for the promotion, displays must be registered either over the station's web site or by calling the station. The deadline for regestration is Dec. 15 and station staff will go around and judge displays through the

Channel 97.7 Program Director Eric Johnson said that houses are not the only locations which may qualify for the promotion. Dorms, store fronts, apartments or any building may qualify for consideration.

Johnson and his staff have already seen a large response to the contest and have taken photos of some of the displays. Many of the displays will be featured on the station's web site.

You can register your display at www.channel977.com or by calling 962-9700.

PROCRASTINATORS:

consider those little bubble machines outside stores like Wal-Mart. Pick presents up on the go. Cheap, easy, and fun. Also, comes in its own gift box! What a deal.

Remember, if all else fails, there is no shame in recycling gifts. If you received something last year that you didn't have use for, there is nothing wrong with passing it on to someone else who might get more use out of it than you. Just make sure that A) you don't give your recycled gift back to the person who originally gave it to you, and B) the item does not show any visible signs of use.

Follow these tips and you'll make it through the holiday season with minimal damage. And remember, after this holiday season is over, there will be only 365 shopping days left until the next shopping season.

COMPACT DISCS: A Variety Of Styles For Everyone

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Lil Wayne "The Block is Hot" (Cash Money/Universal Records)

Here we have youngest member of the rap act The Hot Boys, LiL Wayne, on his first solo outing. Right off the bat, the one draw back of this album is it tries too hard to stand right beside everything else the Hot Boys have done. Lil Wayne should have tried to seek his own. As usual, other members of the Hot Boys/Cash Money Millionaire posse take up the guest spots. This does not allow for a mixture of talents to feed through, just recycling the same old vibe. The one thing that pushes Wayne aside from the others is his delivery, that almost child-like flow that makes you feel sorry for the cat, yet in the same breath want to head down to the dirty south and roll Cash Money style. Nothing spectacular or new, most definitely something for those Friday/Saturday club hops in your ride. That, my friends, is really as far as it goes. - Enyi Emesih

NuFlavor "It's On" (Reprise Records)

These cats from Long Beach, Calif. have actually put together a really good album here. Sweet melodic R&B that has some poten-

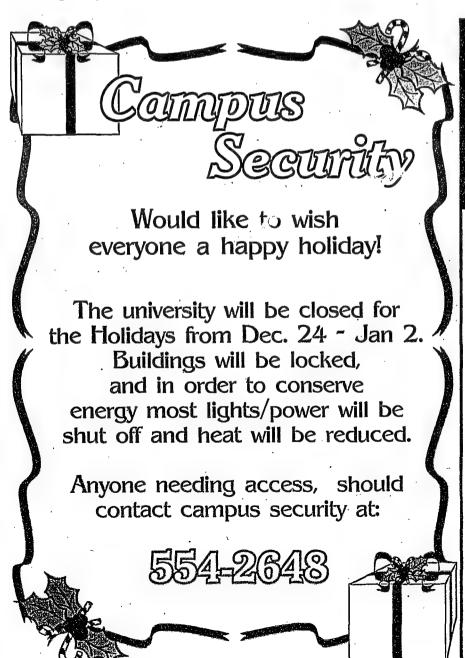
tial to stand out in the already heavily populated male R&B genre. Filled with everything from mid-tempo and slow to fast dance floor-ready jams, there is a sense of continuity on this album that makes it worthwhile. The singing is pleasant enough to give the group an identity; however, the production does lean a little too much on the overexposed top 40 R&B style. It's definitely no masterpiece, but it does make for great listening check jams like "Sprung," "Love Fantasy" and "Promise." "It's On" is a disc you'll want to kick back to after Santa has delivered his goods. - Envi Emesih

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Ground Zero by Jimmy Sheil

Between the Pipes

MYSTERY, NEB. -- When Hockey Coach Mike Kemp heard about me possibly playing in baseball, basketball and soccer scrimmages, and not hockey, he felt like the fat kid on the playground who never gets picked for a team. When he inquired about hockey, I told him I had never been on ice skates, and actually suffered a traumatic incident as a youngster when I got stranded in the middle of the roller rink at Skateland during an all-girls skate

Kemp was quick to inform if I could learn to stand on the ice he would let some of his guys shoot pucks at me. At first I scoffed at the idea, but I knew my self-promoting self wouldn't pass up the opportunity.

Honestly how hard could playing hockey be? I'll just walk around saying "aye" and wonder what all the fuss about Nebraska football is, and I'll fit in with the hockey guys at UNO. Besides hockey players get chicks.

Crawl Before You Can Walk

First I had to learn to skate. I arrived at Tranquillity Ice Plex full of bravado, but I got a little apprehensive when I saw all the youngsters whizzing around the ice.

As I deliberately made my way around the crowded public rink clutching and clinging to the wall, all the chicks I was gonna get from this caper were disappearing faster than the toddlers flying by, through and around me. I swear I heard some Nancy Kerrigan wanna be say,

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Chris Machia

Gateway sports editor Jimmy Sheil stops a puck fired by James Chalmers of the UNO hockey team. This was one of very few Sheil actually stopped.

UNO Sweeps Alaska-Fairbanks

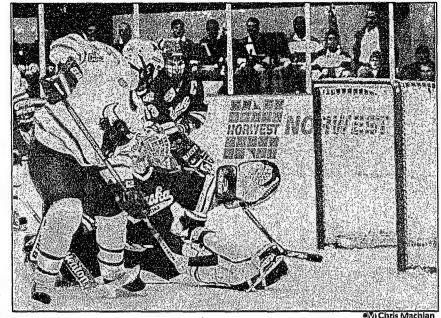
Brian Brashaw
Staff Writer

The Alaska-Fairbanks hockey team came into town this weekend and brought Alaska weather with them. The Mavericks, however, were able to stay warm by lighting the lamp nine times and riding a jet stream that would take them to a 5-3, 4-2 series sweep of Fairbanks. The four point weekend, the first for UNO since joining the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, landed the Mavericks into a three-way tie for sixth place in the conference.

Alaska-Fairbanks had been a mystery to UNO. Last season the Mavericks went north and were shutout by the Nanooks 4-0 and 7-0. This weekend UNO exacted their revenge on an Alaska team that has now dropped 11 straight games.

Friday night the Mavericks thawed out early on. Just 3:52 into the game, Mav wingman Dave Brisson sent home a one-timer that was set up by the effort of Jeff Hoggan. After collecting his own rebound, Hoggan traveled behind the net and found Brisson streaking toward the net, and gave UNO a 1-0 lead. The team would trigger the red light again late in the first. Right wing Derek Reynolds circled behind the net and banked in a shot off the Fairbanks goalie Lance Mayes. In the second, the Mavericks picked up where they left off. Just 4:42 into the second Ryan Bencurik sent a laser slap shot off the post and in the net.

Then the Nanooks woke up from hibernation. Fairbanks defenseman Aaron Grosul slapped a shot past a screened Kendall Sidoruk to make it a 3-1 game. Before the second ended, Casey Bartzen deflected a shot from Scott Farrell to pull Alaska within one goal.



UNO's Jeff Hogan watches along with Alaska-Fairbanks Darren Tiemstra as goalie Lance Mayes makes a save during Friday nights game. The Mays took all four league points from the Nanooks.

The tying goal came in the third period when Dwayne Zinger sent a fluttering puck toward net. Fairbanks had comeback form a three goal deficit and now had momentum. Jeff Hoggan would take the momentum back for UNO by stealing the puck off a face off and streaking into the Alaska zone, only to finish the play with a backhanded goal. Brisson said "Hoggan played 60 minutes out there tonight. He works hard and we just need to follow his work." The Mavericks took a 4-3 lead and would eventually win 5-3.

Saturday night the Mavericks scored early and often. In the opening 10:07 of the game UNO already had a 3-0 lead. On just seven shots the Mavericks sent an early message and built a lead that would prove insurmountable. First Jason Cupp deflected

in a shot by Greg Zanon. Then just 1:10 later Alan Carr finished of a one-time pass from Derek Reynolds. On a 2-1 breakaway Reynolds put away a pass from Jason White to make it a 3-0 game. Alaska would get a goal late in the period from Pat Hallett who was left all alone to shoot three times and one got in.

The second period came and went. UNO's offense registered 20 shots on net in the period but got just one more goal. It came from Jeff Hoggan who finished a three man rush with a wrist shot.

The Mavericks four on four game was victimized again. Alaska made it a 4-2 game on a goal that was tipped past Sidoruk by Bobby Andrews. The third period saw no scoring. It was official, the Mavericks had their first conference sweep.

Men's Hoops Mauls Mt. Marty 92-59

David Johnson

Senior Staff Writer

On a career night for senior Bob Wettstein, UNO (5-0) speared the Lancers of Mt. Marty (Yankton, S.D.) 92-59 Saturday in front of 600 fans at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

Wettstein threw in a career-high 26 points and pulled down a career-tying 13 rebounds to lead UNO in what proved to be its easiest victory this season.

"They (Mt. Marty) didn't do anything differently," Wettstein said. "I was just ready to play tonight. I just came out and made a special effort to play hard tonight right from the beginning."

Sophomore Corey Hahn added 13 points for the Mays. For the second game in a row, freshman Dan Morrow came off the bench to contribute 11 points.

Mt. Marty (2-5), led by senior forward Matt Geiver (12 pts) and sopho-

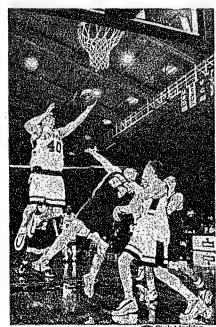
more guard Chad Thury (12 pts), was intent on stopping UNO's three-point attack. It held Mike Simons to five points on the night and a 1-6 effort from beyond the arc. This opened the low post for the Mavs.

Al Lainio (9 pts, 8 rebs), Mike Foltynski (6 pts), and Kyle Mann (5 pts) all scored from within the paint.

"We made a concerted effort to pass the ball around more tonight," Wettstein said. "We did a great job. We hit the boards pretty well and outrebounded them."

UNO held a 48-35 edge off the glass and did a better job taking care of the ball, committing only 12 turnovers.

Coach Kevin Lehman played all 13 Mavs who dressed for the game. "It's really important to give everybody a little playing time," Wettstein said. "It gets the crowd going and gives us (starters)a chance to cheer on the other guys."



UNO's Bob Wettstein goes over Mt. Marty's Andy Kappenman in Saturday night's game.

The Top Ten Wrestlers Of The Century

Compiled by David Johnson, Senior Staff Writer

UNO's wrestling program is, in many ways, without equal. The tradition of greatness, the history of athletic and academic achievement, the story of championship all stand on the Sapp Fieldhouse.

This list of the top 10 Maverick wrestlers of the century is, by far, the most difficult list. I. chosen our school's cream of the crop. It should, in no way, be meant as a slight toward those superb grapplers who graced the podiums but did not make my count.

R. J. Nebe. Wrestled from 1983-1988 between 177 and 190 pounds. Compiled

a 153-31-4 record, the most wins in UNO history. Second on the career falls list (58). Five-time All-American. Ranked No. 6 NCAA Division I in 1988. Ranked No. 1 Division mats of honor at the II 1988. Ranked No. 2 Division II 1987. Ranked No. 3 NCAA Division II 1985 and 1986. Member UNO Athletic Hall of Fame. UNO Male Athlete of the Year 1987-88 and 1988-89. UNO Outstanding Wrestler 1987 and 1988.

> Braumon Creighton. Wrestled 1995-1999 from between 134 and 140 pounds. Compiled a 151-27-0 record, second highest win total in

school history. His .8421 win percentage highest in school history among wrestlers with 100+ wins. Two-time national champion. Four-time All-American. Ranked No. 1 NCAA Division II 1998 and 1999. Ranked No. 3 NCAA Divison II 1997. Ranked No. 5 NCAA Divison II 1996. Two-time NCAA Division II Academic All-American. UNO Male Athlete of the Year 1997-98. UNO Outstanding Wrestler 1998 and 1999.

3. Roy Washington (Dhafir Muhammad). Wrestled from 1967-1970 between 145-150 pounds. Compiled 76 career wins.

only three-time NAIA national champion 1968, 1969, 1970. Ranked No. 2 NAIA 1967. Led Mays to its only undefeated season 1969-70 (14-0).Maverick Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee 1999.

4. Pat Kelly III. Wrestled from 1992-97 190 pounds. Compiled a 122-42-0 record. Holds school record for career falls (62) and falls in a season (25). Three-time All-American. Ranked No. 2 NCAA Division' II 1997. Ranked No. 4 NCAA Division II 1995 and 1996. UNO's only **NCAA** four-time

Divison II Academic All-American. Male Athlete of the Year 1995-96. UNO Outstanding Wrestler 1996. NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winner 1997.

5. Joe Wypiszenski. Wrestled from 1988-91. Compiled 105-27-5 record at 177 pounds in just three years at UNO. Five-time All-American (including one year at Northern Michigan). Ranked No. 2 NCAA Division II 1990 and 1991. Ranked No. 3 NCAA Division II 1989. Three-time NCAA

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Maverick Wrestlers Compete at UNI-Dome

David Johnson

Senior Staff Writer

UNO traveled to Cedar Falls, Iowa, Saturday to compete in the Northern Iowa Open, a wrestling tournament open to grapplers from all school divisions. The Mavs came away with one gold and one silver.

Maverick redshirt freshman Zach Stadler, who wrestled unattached last year, recording a 13-9 mark, defeated Northern Iowa's Ricky Crone 7-5 to win the 174 pound class.

Mack LaRock, second in the Ryan-Kaufman Open last week, finished with silver again losing to Indiana University's Pat Cassidy in the finals of the 126 pound class.

Another UNO redshirt freshman, Chad Wallace (197 lbs) from Gordon, Neb. placed fourth following an 8-3 loss at the hands of Eastern Illinois' Zach Derrico.

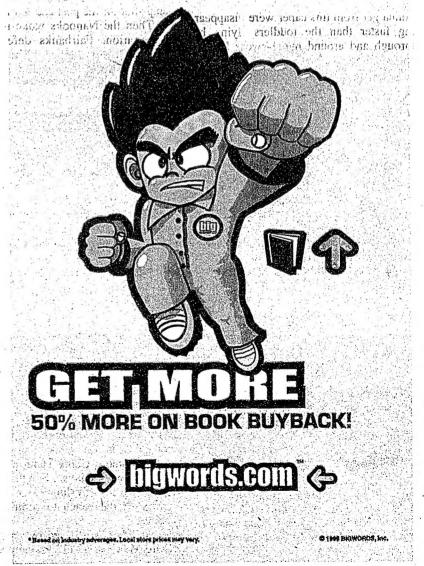
Senior Chris Blair (165 lbs) was awarded fifth-place in the open by injury default over Kevin Powell of Northern Iowa.

Coach Mike Denney's team will wrestle next at Nebraska-Kearney Dec. 11 for their first dual meet of the season. UNO has never lost to UNK

They will return home after the holidays Jan. 5 for a dual against Northern Colorado.









MBSC ACTIVITIES

The Milo Bail Student Center is a Unit of Student Affairs

Tues., Dec. 7th

UNO Ambassadors 7:30 am Catholic Campus

Ministry

8 am I.I.A. Exams Take Pride

12 noon Intertribal Council

12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry

Phi Delta Theta 1 pm

2:30 pm Arts & Sciences 2:30 pm Retention Committee

3 pm UNMC/UNO

5 pm Alpha Xi Delta

Honors Program 6:30 pm Student Education

Assoc.

Wed., Dec. 8th

11 am Chapter Summary Bible Study

11 am Traffic Appeals

12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous

12 noon Quest

12 noon Latin American Students

12 noon African American

Organization

12 noon Teaching-Learning 12 noon Omicron Delta Kappa

1:30 pm Faculty Senate

2:30 pmS.P.O.

Commission Status of 3 pm

Women

Campus Ministry 3 pm

International

Economic Education

Thurs., Dec. 9th

Consider This 9 am

11 am Maverick Radio

11:30 amIntensive Language

11:30 amEconomics

1:30 pm Studnt Affairs

3:30 pm Orientation

Junior Panhellenic 4 pm 7 pm * Delta Sigma Pi

8:30 pm American Computing

Theta Alpha Psi 9 am

Fri., Dec. 10th

Student Leadership

Professional/Ethics 8 am

 $9 \, am$ Student Affairs 10 am Project Achieve 10 am Maverick Radio 11 am Chapter Summary

Bible Study 11 am Friends of Japan

12 noon Aviation Institute 12 noon Student Affairs

12 noon International

Development

12 noon Engineering

1 pm Student Affairs 4:30 pm Campus Ministry.

International Beta Alpha Psi

University Housing

Sat., Dec. 11th

8:30 am Orientation

6 pm Information Science

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<u>Sun., Dec. 12th</u>

2 pm Alpha Kappa Alpha

2 pm Golden Key

Theta Alpha Psi 4 pm

Sigma Kappa 5 pm

Beta Alpha Psi 6 pm

Theta Chi 6 pm

6:30 pm Lambda Chi Alpha Phi Delta Theta 7 pm

Mon., Dec. 6th

12 noon College Republicans

Graduate Council

5 pm Chi Omega

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